

An account of the beginning and end of the
ANGLETON, TEXAS, LABORATORY
O. WILFORD OLSEN, HEAD.

In 1938 the Works Progress Administration constructed an anaplasmosis laboratory for the Texas State Experiment Station. This was manned by three veterinarians; Clarence Woodhouse, Paul Piercy, and Joe Reid. Dr. Woodhouse did research on internal parasites of cattle, Dr. Piercy on anaplasmosis and Dr. Reid, on pink eye of cattle. Some work on horticulture supplemented the work on animals.

O. Wilford Olsen, a veterinarian went to Angleton on September 1, 1939 to work on liver flukes of cattle. He resigned on September 15, 1948 to go to Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

He studied liver flukes all along the Gulf Coast from just west of Corpus Christi - in the area known as the Refugio Area. He cooperated with the Heard and Welder families who owned large acreages and hundreds of cattle, and with the Dow Chemical Company.

Heard had 400 cattle (Herefords) near Lake Jackson. Dr. Canetal, Mgr of Dow Chemical Company Plant of Freeport, Texas, cooperated by furnishing 2 tons of Hexachloroethane for experimental work on the treatment of cattle for liver flukes.

Dr. Olsen also worked with Brazoria County Prison farms and got plenty of help. A Dr. Ross from Texas State University, a veterinarian also came to help as did Scott Jackson, for two years, and then Vegors. Luke Wade was there for less than a year before the station was closed in 1948, by Dr. Dale A. Porter, who went over from Auburn, Alabama to close it. A Mr. McCann, of Victoria, Texas, President of the Prison Board gave Dr. Olsen complete access to prison packing plants. Dr. Olsen, would be able to treat veal calves and then get

necropsy data from them at these packing plants.

George Cauthen came over about the time the station was closed or slightly before this.

Dr. Krull came over from Logan, Utah, where he was working on liver flukes, in 1939 to get Dr. Olsen started in Anglton, Texas Station. Scott Jackson went to the Navy.

Dr. Krull was several years in Logan, but resigned and went to Auburn, Alabama, to Veterinary School there. After 2 years, he left Auburn and went to Colorado State at Fort Collins in 1940. At that time the Entomology and Zoology Departments were considered to be one. They decided to separate them and Dr. Krull was appointed as Head of Zoology where he remained for 3 years. He then moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, and was head of Zoology there until he retired or died.

Dr. Rice visited Anglton Texas Station and was very upset about it.

At about this time a station was opened up at Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Rex Allen went there to work on parasites of sheep, cattle and other range animals.

Dr. Olsen was awarded a Certificate of Meritorious Service by the USDA for his work with liver flukes, particularly that which resulted in the successful treatment of infected animals with Hexachloroethane used in conjunction with Bentonite. (a fluke-a-cide).

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1 Sub Sta ^{#3} Texan -

1939 WP. Program constructed Annapolis - Cal.

3 vet. Tex Exp Sta.

Clayton Woodhouse - Int Parents cattle

Paul Percy - Annapolis

Joe Reid - Pink eye

Sup. Hort.

Olsen Sept 1 - 1939 Linn Plunks -

Sept 15 1948 - Colorado State

Gulf coast Corpus Christi - Refuge area

up + down coast Nead +

Low chemical Prope Welder

Mr. Quetel - Herd 400 Kenford. Lake Jackson

Mgr. low of Prefort

County Hex ch. ablye. 2 tons per week

Brazoria Prison farms - bulk.

Ross - Vet. per State univ.

2 yr Scott Jackson -

Vegon -

Luke Wade - - to 1948 - less than a year

Porter closed it up -

McLann - Victoria - Pres. Prison Bd. - complete

Acers Prison Packing Plants. 100 -

Ga Carothers -

Krull. Logan ?

?

1 Krull; Logan 1939 - Sister fluke

Loget Olson Started in Angleton.

Scott Jackson - to Mary

Several years - Reizind + Auburn for

Vet. School at Auburn, Logan -

Krull left Auburn to Col State Univ - Fort Collins

Ent. Zool. Div. Entom Zool - Head of

Zool. Wendell Luke Head - Three years

Okla Union Stillwater - Ft Collins - Colorado

Price visited up at about Angleton -

Las Cruces -

Benthonits - Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, flukeicide

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Dr. O. Wilford Olsen, Instructor in Parasitology in Veterinary Division of the University of Minnesota, before it became a School of Veterinary Medicine.

He was there from 1936 to 1939 when he received his Ph. D. Degree in Parasitology.

He then went to Angleton, Texas and stayed until September 15, 1948, when he moved to Ft. Collins, Colorado, Colorado State University, where he was head of Department of Parasitology.

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